

REMARKS

The present amendment and remarks are in response to the office action entered in the above identified case and mailed on January 15, 2004. Claims 7-18 are pending in the application. Claims 7, 8, 12, 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,739,809 to McLaughlin in view of Silverbrook 6,002,385. Claim 9-11, and 14-18 were also rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 over McLaughlin in view of Trundle T.V. and video technology pages 117-121. Applicants respectfully traverse. The cited references do not teach or suggest all of the elements of any of the pending claims. Nonetheless, Applicants have amended independent claims 7 and 13 to more clearly describe the scope of the claimed invention. These changes were made for clarity and were not an attempt to limit the scope of the claims to avoid the prior art. In fact, all of the features of the amended claims were inherently present in the previous versions of the claims.

According to the amended claims the parameter value adjustment interval defines a parameter value adjustment range. The invention further includes means for or a step of limiting readjustment of the operating parameter to a value within the parameter value adjustment range. These features are not taught or suggested by the prior art. Accordingly, the claims are not obvious over the prior art and should be allowed.

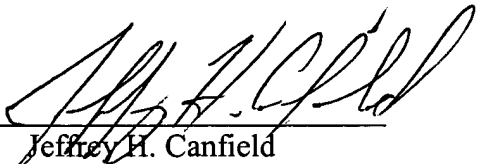
For these reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims as presently amended are all in condition for allowance. Applicant therefore requests that the Examiner allow the claims move the application to issue. However, if there are any remaining issues the Examiner is encouraged to call Applicants' attorney, Jeffrey H. Canfield at (312) 807-4233 in order to facilitate a speedy disposition of the present case.

If any additional fees are required in connection with this response they may be charged to deposit account no. 02-1818.

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